

## **BOARD FOR GEOLOGY MINUTES**

The Board for Geology met on July 21, 2011, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. The following members were present:

J. Meade R. Anderson  
Warren “Ted” Dean  
William S. Hastings, Jr.  
Robin Reed  
David Spears  
Katherine S. White

Staff present for all or part of the meeting:

Gordon Dixon, Director  
Mark Courtney, Deputy Director of Licensing and Regulation  
David E. Dick, Executive Director  
Michele Atkinson, Board Administrator  
Jill Hrynciw, Board Administrator  
Amy Goobic, Administrative Assistant

No representative from the Office of the Attorney General was present.

J. Meade R. Anderson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Dean moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Reed seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Dean, Hastings, Reed, Spears, and White.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Spears moved that the Board approve the minutes of the April 27, 2011, meeting. Ms. White seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Dean, Hastings, Reed, Spears, and White.

### **Approval of Minutes**

There were no comments made to the Board.

### **Public Comment**

The Board members reviewed the following applications:

### **Review of Applications**

Reviewed for Examination:

1. Ankan Basu
2. Jennifer Rae Conklin

3. Eric Matthew Maynard
4. Megan Glenn Garrett

Reviewed for Waiver of Examination:

1. Robert M. Hall, III

Reviewed for Reinstatement:

1. Robert Mark Cohen
2. Jeffrey Brian Cange

Ms. White moved to approve the following applications:

**Vote on Applications  
Review**

Approved for Examination:

1. Ankan Basu
2. Jennifer Rae Conklin
3. Eric Matthew Maynard
4. Megan Glenn Garrett

Approved for Waiver of Examination:

1. Robert M. Hall, III

Approved for Reinstatement:

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Mr. Spears seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Dean, Hastings, Reed, Spears, and White.

The Board discussed the draft amendments to its regulations that would allow certain individuals to sit for the Fundamentals of Geology examination shortly before or after finishing the education requirements and before meeting the experience requirement. The draft amendments also create a Geologist-in-Training (GIT) designation for individuals who have met the education requirement and passed the Fundamentals of Geology examination, but have not met the experience requirement and have not passed the Practice of Geology examination.

**Qualifications for FG  
Examination/GIT  
Designation/ Survey**

The Board agreed by consensus to request that the application fee for GIT be set at \$20 or lower, dependent upon a fee analysis conducted by the Finance Division and in accordance with the Callahan Act.

Ms. Atkinson reported that a survey regarding the Board's proposed amendments was sent by electronic mail to the College of William and Mary, George Mason University, James Madison University, University of Mary Washington, Old Dominion University, Radford University, Virginia Tech, and Washington and Lee University. Responses have been received from James Madison University and Old Dominion University. Both universities supported the proposed amendments. Mr. Hastings suggested that the survey also be mailed to the universities.

Mr. Hastings moved that the Board adopt the staff amendment draft as a proposed regulation and to follow the Fast-Track Rulemaking process to place the amendments into effect as regulation. Mr. Dean seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Dean, Hastings, Reed, Spears, and White.

Mr. Spears moved that the Board begin a periodic review of current Board for Geology regulations and of the Board's Public Participation Guidelines regulations. Mr. Spears further moved that an Impact on Small Businesses review be conducted on the Board for Geology regulations and the Board's Public Participation Guideline regulations. Ms. Reed seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Dean, Hastings, Reed, Spears, and White.

**Periodic and Impact on  
Small Business review  
approved**

The Board discussed the next edition of the Geology Newsletter. It was agreed that Mr. Spears would provide staff a draft article and that staff would prepare an article concerning the fast-track amendments adopted by the Board during this meeting. The articles will be considered during the Board's October 26, 2011, meeting. When the next newsletter is published, an announcement will be placed on the home page of the Department's website under "Important Announcements."

**Geology Newsletter**

The Board considered the following resolution for Mr. Joseph B. Vance, former member of the Board for Geology:

**Resolution for Joseph B.  
Vance**

WHEREAS, **Joseph B. Vance** did faithfully and diligently serve as a member of the Virginia Board for Geology from 2006 to 2011;

WHEREAS, **Joseph B. Vance** did devote generously of his time, talent and leadership to the Board;

WHEREAS, **Joseph B. Vance** did endeavor at all times to render decisions with fairness and good judgment in the best interest of the citizens of the Commonwealth and this profession; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Board for Geology wishes to acknowledge

its gratitude for devoted service of a person who is held in high esteem by the members of the Board and the citizens of the Commonwealth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Virginia Board for Geology this twenty-first day of July 2011, that **Joseph B. Vance** be given all honors and respect due him for his outstanding service to the Commonwealth and its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to him and be made a part of the official minutes of the Board so that all may know of the high regard in which he is held by this Board.

Mr. Hastings moved to accept the resolution. Ms. Reed seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Dean, Hastings, Reed, Spears, and White.

The Board members participated in the Conflict of Interests Act training as it is required of all board members. Board members signed certificates verifying that they had completed the training course.

**Conflict of Interests Act Training**

The following board meeting has been scheduled:

**Future Meeting Dates**

- Wednesday, October 26, 2011

The Board agreed by consensus to the following 2012 meeting dates, dependent upon the availability of board rooms:

- Wednesday, March 7, 2012
- Wednesday, June 13, 2012
- Wednesday, September 12, 2012
- Wednesday, December 5, 2012

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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J. Meade R. Anderson, Chair

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Gordon Dixon, Secretary